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Proper Disposal of Smoking Materials

from the City of Calgary

Improper disposal of smoking material such as tobacco products is the leading cause of outdoor fires in Calgary. To help reduce outdoor fire risks, citizens should make an effort to properly dispose of smoking material. Remember to always call 911 to report a fire.

To Better Protect Your Homes, it is Recommended That You:

- Never put out cigarettes or smoking material in flower planters, peat moss, your lawn, or garden.
- Use a deep, wide, sturdy metal container with a lid, filled part way with sand or water that should be emptied regularly.
- Ensure that all butts and ash are out by soaking them with water prior to putting in the trash.

Smoking in Natural Areas

Extreme caution should be used in the city's natural areas and green spaces where extremely dry vegetation covering the ground provides readily combustible fuel if an ignition source is applied.

Reducing Risk

- Do not store propane tanks, firewood, or yard waste next to your house.
- Prune all tree branches within two metres of the ground and plant new trees at least three metres apart.
- Assess potential fire hazards within 1.5 metres of your home, including natural debris, trees, and other structures.

Smoke Alarms

Having working smoke alarms saves lives – more than one-third of all fire fatalities are associated with having no smoke alarm.

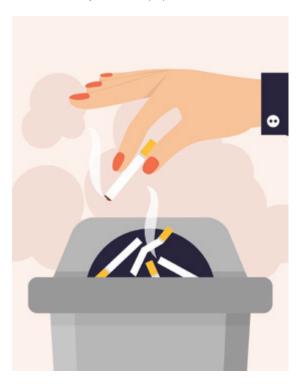
Cigarette Litter

Did you know that cigarette litter is a major environmental concern and contributes to a disproportionate amount of litter in our city? Contrary to popular belief, those white sponge-like butts are not made from cotton or paper — instead, they're a

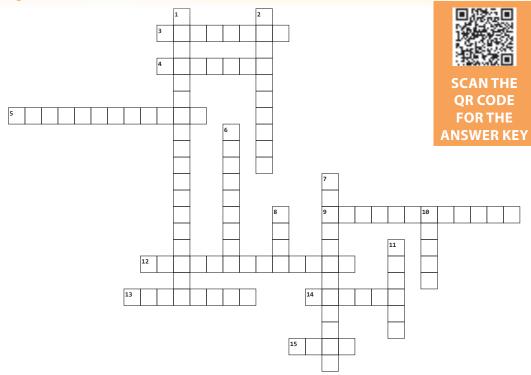
synthetic microfibre that takes years to break down and are unsightly around our city.

- Cigarette filters are one of the most littered items in the world.
- Chemicals that can leach out of cigarette butts include arsenic, ammonia, and lead. The chemicals found in one cigarette butt can leach out and contaminate approximately 7.5 litres of water within one hour. This contaminated water is lethal to aquatic life.
- Sunlight will degrade a cigarette filter and break it into very small particles. These small pieces do not disappear or biodegrade but wind up in the soil or swept in water, contributing to water pollution.
- The fines for the improper disposal of cigarette litter ranges from \$250 to \$500, with a maximum fine of \$750 for throwing a butt out of a car window.

If you're a smoker, consider buying a pocket ashtray available locally and from popular online retailers.



July Crossword Puzzle



Across

- The first Canadian-hosted Olympic games took place in this city.
- **4.** 7-year-old Roger Woodward became the first person to survive going over these falls without a barrell.
- 5. The month of July is named after this Roman political figure.
- **9.** This Canadian province experienced the hottest temperatures ever officially recorded in Canada (45 degrees Celcius) on July 5, 1937.
- 12. The first human to walk on the moon, which occurred on July 20, 1969.
- **13.** This Canadian American actress, born on July 20, 1971, is best known for her role in *Grey's Anatomy*.
- **14.** On July 5, 1946, just after World War 2, the modern version of this risqué piece of women's clothing was introduced due to the rationing of materials.
- **15.** Filmed in Alberta, this 2022 motion picture was referred to as "Skull" during production to keep it a secret.

Down

- **1.** Go Set A Watchman was the original manuscript for this classic Pulitzer Prize winning novel.
- **2.** This iconic Coldplay album was released on July 10, 2000, and features the hit single *Yellow*.
- 6. In the summer of 2019, this folk horror film depicting Scandinavian paganism and starring Florence Pugh was released.
- This Canadian artist rose to fame on YouTube and was the most Googled celebrity in July 2010.
- **8.** National ______ Day is observed on July 31 and December 2 to raise awareness and help these dogs get adopted.
- **10.** World ______ Day celebrates this intellectual two player board game.
- **11.** On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur successfully administered this vaccination for the first time, replacing the previous treatment, mad stones.

TAKE ON WELLNESS

Staying Healthy As We Age

from Alberta Health Services

Seniors Week in Alberta takes place the first week of June.

While we celebrate all that older adults have done for our society, let's talk about how to stay strong and healthy as we age.

Adults can start to lose muscle as early as age 30, but the loss increases quickly after age 70. Protein is a nutrient that helps you to build muscle and keep the muscles you already have. But many seniors do not get enough protein. Since your body can't store it, you need to eat protein at least three times a day, every day, to keep the muscle you have.

Often, adults tend to eat less protein at breakfast. Here are a few ways to increase your protein at breakfast:

- Have a glass of milk or fortified soy beverage with your meal.
- Add cheese or beans to toast.
- Mix one to two tablespoons of skim or whole milk powder or a scoop of protein powder into your cereal or yogurt.
- Make an omelette.

You can also try these tips:

- · Add meat including wild game or poultry to pasta or vegetable dishes.
- Try a plant-based protein; for example, try chickpea falafel or tofu added to a stir-fry.
- Add canned beans or lentils to soups.
- · Choose nuts, boiled eggs, Greek yogurt, or cottage cheese as a snack.

Protein alone does not build muscle. Movement helps older adults stay strong, mentally fit, and independent.

Here are some suggestions from the 24-Hour Canadian Movement Guidelines (csepguidelines.ca):

Try to get 2.5 hours (150 minutes) of moderate (example, brisk walking) to vigorous (example, cross country skiing) aerobic activity each week. You don't have to do it all at once. You can break up the time into smaller sessions of 10 minutes or more.



Engage in muscle and bone-strengthening activities at least twice a week. These activities include climbing stairs, gardening, and housework such as vacuuming or washing the floor.

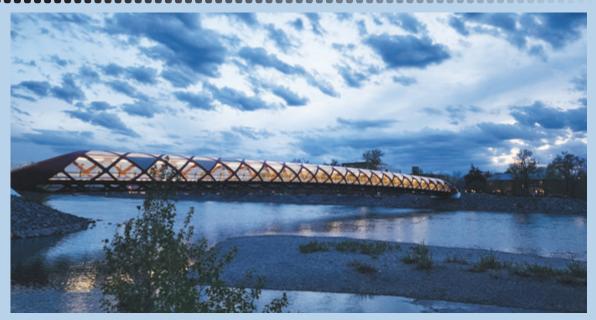
Include activities that challenge your balance, such as Tai Chi or Yoga.

Limit time sitting to eight hours or less. That includes less than three hours a day of screen time (in front of a TV, computer, tablet, or phone.)

Get seven to eight hours of good-quality sleep each night.

If you would like more tips on staying strong and healthy as you age, search 'Staying Strong' at ahs.ca/ NutritionWorkshops.

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How to Get the Most Out of Your Counselling/Therapy Sessions

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | nancy@viewpointcalgary.ca

Adapted from Dr. David Burns



We understand that therapy can sometimes be challenging

People often report that unburdening their emotions and past experiences in the first few sessions is relieving. However, therapy often uncovers deeper issues. Opening up and getting to the heart of these concerns takes patience, persistent effort, and fostering a positive relationship with your counsellor. It takes time to build a strong therapeutic bond and rapport, and this is essential in creating the trust necessary to go to those deeper places where real change takes place.

Consistency will help you reach your goals

If you wanted to improve your fitness and saw your physical trainer once every three months, you probably wouldn't be surprised when you didn't see the results you wanted. Similarly, therapy needs commitment and consistency to work through your concerns and be effective. Of course, your counsellor understands there are many demands on your time and resources. By collaborating with your counsellor, you can create a reasonable plan that balances

your commitment to your wellbeing with all your other commitments. This is also why sometimes your therapist may assign you homework or other types of activities to practice between sessions.

Providing feedback will help your counsellor know what is/isn't working for you

Counsellors strive to build positive, non-judgmental, and compassionate therapeutic relationships, understanding this is beneficial for you and the therapeutic process. Despite this emotional and professional commitment, challenges in therapy can sometimes break down open communication and hinder the process. Providing feedback allows your counsellor to understand what has happened and work to repair any concerns you may have. A great therapist will provide a feedback form that can be filled out at the end of each session. Here you can let your therapist know what you liked best in the session, what you liked the least, and if there were things you had hoped to discuss that may have been missed. This allows your therapist to constantly adjust and better hone their skills to your needs.

Mutually agreeing to end therapy when you are ready

When you and your counsellor recognize you are ready to move on, it can be exciting for both of you. In order to ensure you finish on a positive note, your counsellor will help you plan how to maintain your progress and what to do if you encounter concerns again. You have a fresh start, and your counsellor will be there in the future if needed.

Sometimes clients end therapy without talking with their counsellor, leaving their counsellor to wonder what happened. Not only can this make it more difficult for clients to maintain progress, but they may also feel they have lost a potential future support. If the counsellor can't reach the client, it also leaves the counsellor wondering what happened. Did my client feel enough progress had already been made? Did something go wrong? Did I say or do something that upset my client? Counsellors invest emotionally and professionally in the therapeutic relationship and appreciate feedback that lets them know what is happening. Your counsellor will always strive to treat you and your decisions with compassion and respect. In return, you can help your counsellor by communicating any concerns and showing that you understand they deserve compassion and respect too.

Moroccan Style Meatballs

by Jennifer Puri



The red (Marrakech), white (Casablanca), and blue (Chefchaouen) cities of Morocco represent a vibrant mix of past and present and are a contrast of modernity with traditional customs and architecture.

Home to ancient palaces, mosques, and colleges, these cities are also famous for their gardens, fountains, medinas, and souks.

Medinas are walled cities with narrow winding streets which are notable for their absence of cars but abundance of bicycles and donkey carts.

Souks are the captivating street markets where you can purchase leather goods, lanterns, lamps, textiles, carpets (not the flying kind), spices, tagines, and good luck charms.

All sorts of foods are also available to the hungry shopper including local breads, dried fruits, and olives.

The most cooked meals are couscous salads, spicy lamb, and chicken stews, traditionally followed by cups of Moroccan Green Mint Tea.

Moroccan Style Meatballs can be enjoyed with Pita or Naan, couscous or salad greens, or Moroccan style carrot salad.

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 500 gms lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup fine breadcrumbs
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbsps. finely chopped mint
- 2 tsps. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. ginger, minced
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsps. olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 400 ml jar of Moroccan style meatball sauce
- 34 cup water
- 12 seedless green olives (optional)
- 3 tbsps. of yoghurt (optional)

Directions:

- Place ground beef in a medium size bowl and add breadcrumbs, onion, garlic, mint, smoked paprika, ginger, cumin, cinnamon, salt, black pepper, egg, and mix well.
- 2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Divide beef into 20 portions, shape into golf ball size meatballs, and place on a foil lined baking tray. Bake on middle rack of oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until cooked.
- 4. Add two tablespoons of olive oil to a wok or skillet and sauté the red pepper for three to four minutes. Next add the Moroccan style sauce, water, and cooked meatballs, and simmer for four to five minutes.
- 5. Remove from heat, garnish with olives, yoghurt, and fresh mint or coriander leaves, and serve.

Bon Appétit!

SAFE & SOUND

Heat Related Illness

from Alberta Health Services

EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children and the elderly may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, basic prevention measures should be taken by all to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather.

Heat Exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale or dusky gray.

Heat Stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal.
- It occurs when the body can't cool itself naturally (e.g., perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels.
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

First Aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment.
- Remove excess, or tight-fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment.
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention.

Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water at all times.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol consumption will promote dehydration.
- Always wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck.



 Apply a broad spectrum, waterproof sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, even on cloudy days.

TAKE ON WELLNESS

Why Calcium Matters

from Alberta Health Services



Calcium keeps your bones and muscles—including your heart—healthy and strong.

Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium. People who do not get enough calcium and vitamin D throughout life have an increased chance of having thin and brittle bones (osteoporosis) in their later years. Thin and brittle bones break easily and can lead to serious injuries. This is why it is important for you to get enough calcium and vitamin D at every age.

Your body also uses vitamin D to help your muscles absorb calcium and work well. If your muscles don't get enough calcium, then they can cramp, hurt, or feel weak. You may have long-term (chronic) muscle aches and pains.

How much calcium do you need?

How much calcium you need each day changes as you age. Here are the recommended dietary allowances (RDAs) for calcium:

• Ages one to three years: 700 milligrams

• Ages four to eight years: 1,000 milligrams

Ages nine to 18 years: 1,300 milligrams
Ages 19 to 50 years: 1,000 milligrams

• Males 51 to 70 years: 1,000 milligrams

• Females 51 to 70 years: 1,200 milligrams

· Ages 71 and older: 1,200 milligrams

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you need the same amount of calcium as other people your age.

How can you get enough calcium?

Calcium is in foods such as milk, cheese, and yogurt. Vegetables such as broccoli, kale, and Chinese cabbage also contain calcium. You can also get calcium if you eat the soft edible bones in canned sardines and canned salmon. Foods with added (fortified) calcium include some cereals, juices, soy beverages, and tofu. The food label will show how much calcium was added.

You can figure out how much calcium is in a food by looking at the percent daily value section on the nutrition facts label. The food label assumes the daily value of calcium is 1,100 mg. If one serving of a food has a daily value of 20 percent of calcium, that food has 220 mg of calcium in one serving.

Two common calcium supplements are calcium citrate and calcium carbonate. Calcium carbonate is best absorbed when it is taken with food. Calcium citrate can be absorbed well with or without food. Spreading calcium out over the course of the day can reduce stomach upset and allows your body to absorb it better. Try not to take more than 500 mg of calcium supplement at one time.

For more information, call Health Link toll-free at 811.



Knee Pain?





Register TODAY for our upcoming in-person Knee Pain workshop with Presenter Grace McIntosh on: Wednesday, July 19th at 7pm at our Beddington location. Call (403) 917-0958 or scan QR to register. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Stampede season has begun! I am so excited to be partnering with ROYOP and VIVO for their annual Coventry Hills Stampede Caravan Breakfast.

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Join us on Tuesday, July 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Michael's parking lot at the Coventry Hills Centre! Grab a bite to eat, chat with your neighbours, and soak in the hot July weather.





Don't be fooled by these cutelings! Most wild babies just need to be left alone. Fledging birds are learning to fly while leverets (baby hares) and fawns rely on camouflage for protection while mom forages! Keep pets secure when wild young are around.

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by Anne Burke

Guided Plant and Herb Walk

A guided plant and herb walk on Nose Hill taught attendees about local landscape and ecology (living things and habitat). The group identified plants, whether edible or poisonous ones, as well as invasive plants (weeds) and native species.

There is much interest in traditional medicine and modern uses. Agrology deals with the natural, economic, and social sciences related to environmental protection. The walk leader, as a member of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists, has studied the application of science to agriculture. It is important to understand that Calgary's Parks & Pathways Bylaw prohibits foraging as part of these events.

City Nature Challenge 2023

Here are the results for the City Nature Challenge 2023! Across Canada, 43 cities were in this year's challenge. Calgary was first for observers, with 9,185 who reported 775 species. Calgary came in fourth for 347 observations. Globally, there were 482 cities, with 66,394 participants who reported 57, 227 species, including 2,570 rare, endangered, or threatened ones.

World Migratory Bird Day

Light pollution remains a threat to migrating birds. To raise awareness in Canada, World Migratory Bird Day was on the second Saturday in May and, in South America, will be on the second Saturday in October.



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